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MCKINNEY-VENTO RESOURCES

There are many resources that have been developed by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and the National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE) to help homeless liaisons provide McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act services in their district's schools.

Department of Public Instruction:

DPI's Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Program's major responsibility is to implement the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act. Homeless children and unaccompanied youth must have access to public school educational programs and services that allow them to meet the same challenging state academic standards to which all students are held. Go to <http://www.dpi.wi.gov/homeless/> to find frequently asked question, forms, guidance documents, and staff contacts. Please feel free to contact:

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National Center for Homeless Education:

NCHE provides information, research, and resources to enable communities and schools to address the educational needs of children and youth experiencing homelessness. Below is a listing of resources available by download or for order from the NCHE website. Contact NCHE at **1-800-308-2145 (toll-free)** or <http://www.serve.org/nche>.

Enrollment: Ready Reference for School (enrollment foldout)

This handy foldout booklet assists local homeless education liaisons and enrollment personnel in understanding the legal guidelines for the immediate school enrollment of children and youth experiencing homelessness. Each district can order ten free copies per school year.

NCHE Parent Booklet

This brochure explains the educational rights of children and youth experiencing homelessness and informs parents about how they can support their children's education during times of mobility. It is available for download in English and Spanish from the NCHE website or each district can order ten free copies per school year.

http://www.serve.org/nche/downloads/nchebrochure_eng.pdf

http://www.serve.org/nche/downloads/nchebrochure_sp.pdf

Parent Pack Pocket Folder

This laminated folder provides parents a place to keep important records and documents related to their children's education. The folder also includes information on the rights of children and youth experiencing homelessness and helpful tips about enrollment and disenrollment. Available in Spanish/español and English. There is a free product limit of ten per district per school year.

Parent Poster

This poster is directed to parents and explains who qualifies as homeless under the McKinney-

Vento Homeless Assistance Act and lists the educational rights of children and youth experiencing homelessness. Place these posters in your school or community to generate public awareness. Posters are available in color, black and white, English and Spanish, and each district can order up to 25 free copies per school year.

http://www.serve.org/nche/downloads/parentposter_eng_color.pdf

http://www.serve.org/nche/downloads/parentposter_sp_color.pdf

Youth Poster

This poster is directed to youth and explains who qualifies as homeless under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and lists the educational rights of children and youth experiencing homelessness. Place these posters in your school or community to generate public awareness. Posters are available in color, black and white, English and Spanish. It is available for download from the NCHE website or each district can order up to 25 free copies per school year.

http://www.serve.org/nche/downloads/youthposter_eng_color.pdf

http://www.serve.org/nche/downloads/youthposter_sp_color.pdf

Surviving on Your Own: Information for Youth on How Schools Can Help (youth booklet)

This pocket-sized booklet for unaccompanied youth explains how schools can help youth who are living on their own without a parent or guardian. You can get 10 free booklets available per district per school year.

Local Homeless Education Liaison Toolkit

The *Local Homeless Education Liaison Toolkit* is a comprehensive resource that contains over 250 pages of the most useful and current information on supporting the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness. Cd-rom orders are limited to one; however, the files contained on the cd-rom may be copied and distributed freely. Download sections from

<http://www.serve.org/nche/downloads/toolkit/toolkit.pdf>.

- The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
- Related Legislation
- Awareness Materials
- Enrollment Tools
- Assessment of Data Collection Tools
- Sample LEA Homeless Education Policy
- School-Level Point of Contact Form
- Collaboration Resources
- Transportation Resources
- Homeless Education Issues Briefs
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Tip Sheets
- Homeless Education Webpage Development
- Training Resources

Homeless Education Issue Briefs

These series of briefs discuss selected issues pertaining to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and offer strategies for implementation.

http://www.serve.org/nche/products_list.php#issue_briefs

- Determining Eligibility for Rights and Services Under the McKinney-Vento Act
- Housing Agency and School District Collaborations to serve Homeless and Highly Mobile Students
- Immediate Enrollment Under McKinney-Vento: How Local Liaisons Can Keep Homeless Students Safe
- Immediate Enrollment Under McKinney-Vento: How Schools Can Keep Homeless Students Safe
- Immigrant and Homeless: Information for Local Liaisons

- Immigrant and Homeless: Information for School District Title III Programs and Community Agencies
- Prompt and Proper Placement: Enrolling Students without Records
- Supporting Homeless Students with Disabilities: Implementing IDEA McKinney-Vento Law Into Practice Series
- Dispute Resolution
- Domestic Violence: Homelessness and Children's Education
- Enrollment
- Identifying Students in Homeless Situations
- Including Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness in State and Local School District Accountability Systems
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) of 2004: Provisions for Homeless Children and Youth with Disabilities
- Introduction to the Issues
- Local Homeless Education Liaisons
- Migrant Children and Youths Experiencing Homelessness
- School Selection
- Summary of McKinney-Vento Act and Title I Provisions
- McKinney-Vento Act at a Glance
- Title I and Homelessness
- Transportation
- Unaccompanied Homeless Youth
- What LEA Administrators Should Know
- What Service Providers Should Know
- When Legal Guardians Are Not Present: Enrolling Students on Their Own
- Who is Homeless?

For additional information about homeless issues or to learn about other resources, please go to <http://www.dpi.wi.gov/homeless> or contact Mary Maronek, Coordinator, Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EH CY) program at mary.maronek@dpi.wi.gov or (608) 261-6322.